



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
2018  
AT THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING  
AT 7.30 pm

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| <u>Members:</u> | Cllr K Andreoli       |     | Cllr I Brown           | (P) |
|                 | Cllr Jones            | (P) | Cllr N Lander-Brinkley | (P) |
|                 | Cllr P Langford-Smith | (P) | Cllr J Morphett        | (P) |
|                 | Cllr R Pearson        | (P) | Cllr N Rusbridger      | (P) |
|                 | Cllr K Scholey        | (P) | Cllr M Willoughby      | (P) |
|                 | Cllr G West           |     |                        |     |

**Also present:** Four members of the public, Mr Gareth Davies Clerk to the Council.

**059/19C Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Andreoli and Cllr West.

**060/19C Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

**061/19C Minutes of the previous Meeting:**

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 were received.

Cllr Lander Brinkley stated that he was not at this meeting. He wished to make a personal statement with regards to Minute 50/19C (b) He continued that he was disappointed that the Council did not agree to employing an ACSO as he believed this would benefit any community. He considered that this was evident at Bishops Waltham with their willingness to expand the scheme. He concluded that he was saddened that he was in the minority with regards to this and would like it noted. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**062/19C Public Participation:** The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 pm to allow comments from the public. The meeting reconvened at 7.53 pm.

**063/19C County and District Councillors Report:**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Read. There were no reports to receive from District or County Councillors. **NOTED.**

**064/19C Request to Reinstatement of Fence at Heath Field:**

Cllr Brown recommended that item 8(f) should be brought forward on the Agenda to allow residents to leave the meeting if they wished following the discussion.

The Chairman read out correspondence received via email with regards to the reinstatement of the fence. She informed the Council that since the fence had been removed there had been a knee rail in place.

She continued that the pre-school had erected a removable fence on an area of the field. Following a meeting with the pre-school, they had reported that it has been a benefit to both staff and the children, as it confines an area that enables the children to focus more on the activities and learning provided.

Cllr Scholey referred to the statement of a member of the public, who believed that this would fail an OFSTED inspection. He commented that it was his understanding significant changes would have to have been inspected and as the pre-school was still running it had not failed an OFSTED inspection.

The Chairman stated that Health and Safety had not been breached as another pre- school in the village has the same type of fence and they have also not failed an OFSTED inspection.

Cllr Lander Brinkley stated that he did not agree with the removal of the fence in the first instance and that his opinion has not changed. He concluded by expressing his sympathy with the residents.

Cllr Morphet stated that the fence had caused animosity between the public and the Council. He continued that the fence may be reinstated. Councilor Rusbridger agreed with his comments.

Cllr Brown stated that it is parents responsibility for the control of their children that no circumstances have changed with the removal of the fence and there is no means available to judge how often the field is used.

**It was resolved by a majority of four to one with three abstentions not to reinstate the fence at the Heath Field.**

**065/19C Councillor Vacancies:**

- (a) Councillor vacancies: The chairman stated that there were still vacancies on the Parish Council and that no applications had been received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to continue to advertise the vacancies and attempt to recruit a Councillors.**

**066/19C Youth Provision:**

- (a) Cllr Willoughby stated that the Youth Club meeting had taken place, from that meeting he reported that the paperwork for the Youth Club Bank Account had been completed and attendance has increased on a Tuesday evening, He continued that a trip to Longleat had been planned and that Safeguarding Training had been arranged for November for people who could not attend the course in September. He concluded that applicants have been approached for a new Youth Worker with two declining and no response from a third candidate. The position continues to be advertised. **NOTED.**
- (b) The Chairman reported that the Accounts noting the Income & Expenditure had been circulated and received and that they were all in order. **NOTED.**

**067/19C Village Matters:**

- (a) West of Waterlooville: Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that significant progress has been made with Newlands Shadow Parish Council. The Council had met three times to date and have elected a Chairman. They now have eight members on the SPC and the Clerk has identified training courses that are available. He concluded by stating that the Taylor Wimpey development was now complete. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Manager; There was no update on the Town Centre Manager. **NOTED.**
- (c) Great War Centenary Commemorations 1914-1918: The Chairman reported that the plans for the Great War centenary Commemorations were continuing to move forward. She stated the service sheets were in print, wreaths for the ceremony had arrived and invites were being sent to local groups and persons of note. **NOTED.**
- (d) Village Green Memorial: The Chairman reported that plans for the Village Green Memorial had faced a setback as the appointed contractor declined to take any more part in the project. She continued the mound was complete and the commemorative stones were now in place. She continued to explain the “There But Not There” figures would be in place for the Memorial Ceremonies and proposed that they are removed for safe keeping following the service. She concluded by thanking Groundstaff for their work in completing the memorial on time. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the “There But Not There” figures are removed and stored after Memorial Ceremonies.**
- (e) Apple Day: The Chairman stated that she had received a report from the Event Organiser of Apple Day which thanked the support of all stall holders and the TS Alacrity Band. Cllr Rusbridger informed Council that Denmead in Bloom raised £178.78 toward an apple press. **NOTED.**

**068/19C Correspondence**

- (a) HALC e-update: To consider matters arising from HALC update. No matters were raised. **NOTED.**
- (b) Letter from Combat Stress Thanking DPC for their Donation: The Chairman read a letter received from Combat Stress thanking DPC for their donation of £500. **NOTED.**
- (c) Letter from Winchester City Council in regards of the Heath Field being accepted as an Asset of Community Value: The Chairman explained that residents had applied to make the Heath Field an Asset of Community Value. She explained that the community must have a right to bid for the land although the offer may not be accepted.

Cllr Brown stated that this would ease concern amongst residents who believe that land will be sold.

Cllr Scholey stated that address of the Heath Field was incorrect as it referred to the land as Denmead War Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road, Denmead. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Winchester City Council is contacted and the address is amended to its correct location of The Heath Field and car park.**

**069/19C Southern Parishes Group**

- (a) Update on Southern Parishes Meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018: Cllr Andreoli was not present at the meeting to make his report. The Clerk who was present at the meeting summarized the report of affordable housing which was delivered by District Councillor Brook. **NOTED.**
- (b) It was noted that the next meeting is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at The Old School, Denmead. **NOTED.**

**070/19C HALC Conference**

The Chairman requested that herself, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk attend the HALC conference on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as an approved duty. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Chairman Vice Chairman and the Clerk attend the HALC conference as an approved duty.**

**071/19C Old School:**

- (a) Traveller Incursions: The Chairman stated that there had been a response from the DCA and they were not in agreement with posts being installed, stating that they would prefer a height barrier to be installed. She continued that the contractor should be contacted to explain to the DCA the practicalities of the post over a height barrier **It was RESOLVED by a majority with one abstention that DPC will remain with its original decision to have removeable posts fitted at the entrance to the Old School.**

**072/19C Communications:**

- (a) Denmead Scene issue 138: The Chairman requested that articles for the next edition of Denmead Scene are submitted to the Deputy Clerk by the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, she requested volunteers from the Council to submit articles for publication. **NOTED.**
- (b) Matters relating to DPC Facebook pages: The Clerk reported that he had received training and was now using social media to provide information to the public. **NOTED.**

**073/19C Financial:**

- (a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 09) should be APPROVED in the sum of £20,595.33 including VAT and that receipts of £3,134.00 are noted. Further payments of £15,962.44 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- (b) Informal Budget: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Informal Budget meeting is held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

- (c) Bank Reconciliations for September 2018: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements for the two current accounts were reviewed and the balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were reviewed and agreed.
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| Lloyds Bank           | £412,051.54 |
| The Co-operative Bank | £35,918.36  |

**It was RESOLVED to approve the September 2018 bank reconciliations for signing.**

The Chairman duly signed the bank reconciliations.

**074/19C It was RESOLVED to receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings: -**

- (a) Amenities Committee – Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

**075/19C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: Cllr Morphett stated that he had nothing to report from the church. **NOTED.**
- (b) DCA: Cllr Brown reported that the DCA held a meeting in regards to the deterrent for traveller incursions at The Old School. **NOTED.**
- (c) HALC: No report was received. Cllr Lander-Brinkley stated that Winchester City Council has not held a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. Since the death of the Chief Executive of HALC the meeting was mainly administrative. **NOTED**
- (d) Hambledon and District Welfare and Educational Trust: The Clerk read a report from Mr. Hallett which stated that a meeting was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Hambledon Church. At the meeting Mr Derek Gilbert was appointed as Chairman with Mr Timothy Shaw being appointed as Clerk to trustees. Mr Hallett also provided an article for Denmead Scene. **NOTED.**
- (e) Denmead Twinning Association: Cllr Rusbridger informed the Council of two social events Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Church Hall and a skittles night on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 also at the Church Hall. **NOTED.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm  
The next Council Meeting is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Public Participation.** The Public Session commenced at 7.35pm to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council,

A resident stated that she had forwarded a message to the Parish Council with regards to the importance of the reinstatement of the fence of Heath Field with regards to Health and Safety of Children and the OFSTED of the pre-school.

A resident of Chestnut close stated that she has no affinities to DPC or the War Memorial Hall Committee. She continued that the animosity between these two organisations had resulted in a fence being removed which had lost her children a valuable play area. She believed that an error had been made with Council deciding to remove the fence and requested that the fence is replaced.

A resident questioned whether the removal of the fence had achieved the intentions of Denmead Parish Council by making the Heath Field more accessible to residents. He referred to the cost of the Poll and the monitoring of footfall at the Heath Field.

Cllr Brown responded by informing the resident that the issue of the fence was not an objective of the Parish Poll.

Cllr Pearson asked the question as to whether the children in question had any impairment which would hinder them in understanding verbal commands.

A resident replied her children do not have any impairment to which another resident added that this was a valid point in terms of inclusion.

